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Applicant: Detlef SCHMIDT et al. Group Art Unit: 2855  
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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MONITORING TIRE  
PRESSURE IN VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH ANTI-  
LOCK BRAKING SYSTEMS**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR. § 1.56.

The enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A lists ten (10) references of which Applicants are aware. A copy of each of the listed references is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed references be made of record in this application. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Of the ten (10) references listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A, six (6) are not in the English language – namely, ATZ 102 (2000) 11, ATZ 94 (1992) 6, DE 197 34 323, DE 198 07 880, WO 00/69662, and WO 01/10658. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98 (a)(3)(i) and (ii), copies of English translations of the Abstracts for DE 197 34 323, DE 198 07 880 are enclosed. The cover sheets for WO 00/69662 and WO 01/10658 contain English translations of the Abstracts. The requisite concise explanation under 37 CFR § 1.98 (a)(3)(i) of each of the listed ATZ references follows:

ATZ 102 - appears to disclose that tire pressure can be monitored directly by means of pressure sensors on two-axle or three-axle vehicles. (See also, p. 1 of the present specification).

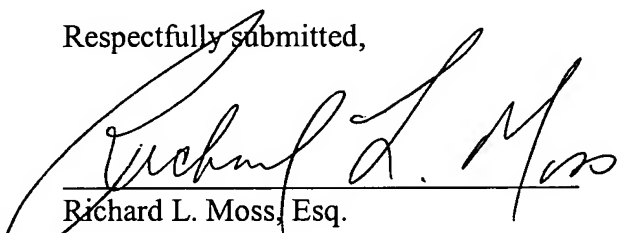
ATZ 94 - appears to disclose that tire pressure can be monitored indirectly by means of anti-lock braking system wheel sensors. (See also, p. 1 of the present specification).

The listed references were cited in a Search Report prepared by the German Patent Office for a corresponding German application. A copy of the German Search Report is enclosed. Please note that the German Search Report contains the following errors: the Williams article was published in 1992 (not 1994) and the Normann article is entitled "Reifendruck-Kontrollsystem für alle Fahrzeugklassen" not "Fahreugklassen."

The citation or characterization of any reference in this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that such reference is necessarily relevant or is prior art.

The above papers are being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed due. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overcharge to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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